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REMARKS

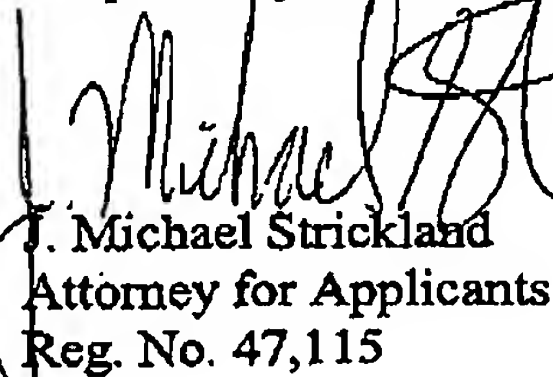
The Office Action states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-39 and 64-66, drawn to an apparatus.
- II. Claims 40-63 and 67-74, drawn to a method.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-39 and 64-66, without traverse. This election is made without traverse because the Applicants agree with the Examiner that the invention of Group I is separately patentable from the invention of Group II.

The concerns of the Examiner addressed in full, Applicants respectfully request the examination of the present application and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance forthwith. Applicants encourage the Examiner to direct any questions regarding this application to the undersigned, who may be contacted at (919) 483-9024.

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